

## STEEL MONOPOLY WAS NOT ITS AIM

Judge Gary Denies That Great Corporation Was Formed for That Purpose.

### TELLS OF ORGANIZATION

Object Was to Get "Rounded Out, Self-Contained Proposition."

New York, May 28.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, and the man who conducted many of the negotiations which led to its organization, declared on the witness stand to-day, that neither he nor the late J. P. Morgan, nor anybody else had ever during the negotiations discussed the question of obtaining a monopoly in the steel industry or of suppressing competition. Judge Gary was testifying as a witness for the defense in the suit to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman antitrust law.

The witness spent the entire day in a detailed recital of circumstances which led to the formation of the corporation, and endeavored to show that the sole purpose that actuated its organizers was to obtain a rounded out, self-contained proposition, complete in every phase of manufacture, from the mining of ore to the production of diversified finished products in the mills with the ability to reduce costs to the most economical basis, and to develop an export trade. "Our effort," he said, "has been to extend trade and to foster competition, and we have done that."

With equal emphasis, Judge Gary denied that the Steel Corporation had been over-capitalized as alleged by the government. The various properties acquired "were all worth the price that was paid for them," he declared. He denied that the Federal Steel Company, the nucleus around which the corporation was formed, was a monopoly in itself, as alleged by the government.

Organization of the corporation was precipitated, Judge Gary said, by the desire of the Federal Steel Company, a J. P. Morgan donation, to perfect a "rounded out" organization. This opportunity came when Andrew Carnegie offered to sell the Carnegie Steel Company. The Federal previously had refused several proffers of the Carnegie Steel Company, and had attempted to raise \$10,000,000 to build a new plant. This attempt was abandoned, he said, when Charles M. Schwab outlined to Mr. Morgan advantages of acquiring a "rounded out" organization. Mr. Morgan was "impressed," and called in the directors of the Federal Steel Company.

Judge Gary described the meeting of the directors at Mr. Morgan's office, and laid emphasis on the financier's desire to know whether it "was a good business proposition," and that nothing concerning the suppression of competition was said. At this meeting acquisition of other properties was decided upon, and Judge Gary described how each fitted into the plan of a "self-contained organization."

"Was the alleged threat of Andrew Carnegie to go into the steel tube business discussed or alluded to by Mr. Morgan or any one else?" he was asked.

"It was not," said the witness. Judge Gary said that he would not deny that competition existed "to some extent" between the Carnegie Company and the Illinois Steel Company, a subsidiary of the Federal Steel Company.

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## News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., May 28.—The commencement exercises of the Dinwiddie Agricultural and Industrial School, for the practical training and industrial education of the colored youth of both sexes, are in progress this week. The annual sermon before the pupils was delivered last Sunday by the Rev. G. M. Oliver, of Washington, D. C., and during the week to-morrow the annual meeting of the alumni association will be held, and it is expected that many of the graduates and former pupils of the school will be present. On Friday diplomas will be presented to a class of six graduates, closing the exercises of the week.

The school is located on several miles from Dinwiddie Courthouse, and has a fine farm attached to it, on which agriculture is taught. The various trades and occupations are also taught. Many material improvements were made on the school property the past year. The farm yield was large and the enrollment was larger than at any time since the disastrous fire of five years ago, when the main buildings were destroyed.

## WILL REMAIN IN THE RACE.

D. A. Harrison Denies Report That He Is to Withdraw.

It was reported here several days ago that D. A. Harrison, a young lawyer of Disputanta, and one of the three candidates for the Legislature in the district composed of the counties of Prince George and Surry, might possibly retire from the contest. Mr. Harrison says there was no foundation for the report, and that he intends to continue in the field to the end, with the expectation of receiving the nomination.

Charles F. Smith, one of the three candidates for the Legislature in Dinwiddie County, announced that, if elected, he will vote for enabling act. His two competitors, Judge John Y. Harris and R. T. Wilson, are understood to favor local option and local self-government.

The three candidates for the House of Delegates in Prince George and Surry are expected to attend the Farm-County-Union picnic at Prince George Courthouse on Friday and enlighten the farmers as to their views on public questions.

## PETERSBURG CHAUTAUQU.

Popular Attractions to be Presented During Week.

The Petersburg Chautauqu will begin to-morrow and continue to including June 4. It will be held under a huge tent erected on the West Hill property, with entrances on Franklin, Adams and East Tabb Streets. Varied, popular attractions are to be presented, including lectures by men of national reputation, concerts and amusements. The promise is of large patronage.

## PRIZES FOR POULTRY.

Will Be Offered by Each of Jewelers in Petersburg.

Each of the jewelers in this city will offer a handsome silver cup as a prize at the poultry show at the fair to be held here next fall. The cups will be awarded for the best exhibit in the different departments. The poultry exhibit at the Petersburg fair last fall was the largest and best ever seen in the State, and it is designed, if possible, to have a better exhibit next fall.

## Death and Birth Report.

The report of Health Officer Martin for the month ending May 26 shows a total of forty-seven deaths in the city—white, 19; colored, 28. This number included three nonresidents, who were brought here for treatment. Among the causes assigned for death were: tuberculosis, 8; cerebral hemorrhage, 8; marasmus, 6. The number of infants dying at the age of one year and under was 11. One case of smallpox and 26 cases of measles were reported during the month.

The number of births registered at the Health Department during the month was 49—whites, 37; colored, 12.

## General News Notes.

The funeral of the late Charles Watson will take place at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from Tabb Street Presbyterian Church. Relatives from a distance will be present. Charles A. Slaughter, of Washington, D. C., for many years City Treasurer of Petersburg, is in town visiting his old home and friends. The freshet in the river, following the rains of last week is receding, and has already fallen several feet. The quartet of the Park Place M. E. Church, Richmond, gave a delightful

## CHAIN OF EVIDENCE IS FORGED BY JEROME

### VIRGINIAN LIKELY TO GET JUDGESHIP

Tip Comes Forth That This State Will Be Favored in Judicial Appointment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, May 28.—"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." This old saying was never better illustrated than in the case of the pending appointment of a judge for the Fourth Circuit bench to succeed Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, now a Senator from that State.

About the time it was believed that Virginia lawyers were out of the running for the new judgeship to be created under the Chilton bill, word of amendment to the Palmer bill, both of which are now pending in Congress, came the information from a member of the Virginia delegation in Congress here to-day that Virginia probably will get the new judge just as soon as the bill now going through the legislative mill is passed and signed by the President. Only this, but it was said by a member of Congress who is high in authority that President Wilson probably will be able to give his first real big appointment in the judicial line to a Virginian when he names one of the many lawyers of that State for the new judgeship.

Taking this tip, which came to The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day, as a clue to see what might be the real facts in the case, it was ascertained that there are carefully laid plans being worked out to land a Virginian on the bench when the bill referred to is passed.

"I feel confident that when we get this bill through both the House and Senate," said Congressman Carlin, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, and a man who stands high in the councils of his party in Washington, "you will find that a Virginian will be selected for the place. The mistake that has been made of bringing out too many candidates probably will not be repeated. On the contrary, it is quite probable, at least, I hope so, that the leading lawyers of Virginia will get together and agree upon some one man for the place, then all that will be necessary will be a good strong pull all together, with every shoulder to the wheel. That done, I feel satisfied that the bill will pass, and the President will accede to the wishes of the Old Dominion and name a man from that State."

Mr. Carlin doubtless will get this bill through the House soon after the Judiciary Committee gets in working condition and then it will be up to the voters of Virginia to become interested in the interest of the most valuable man they can find from that State.

P. H. McG.

## MUST RELINQUISH ITS SUBSIDIARY

McReynolds Will Demand That Southern Pacific Give Up Central Pacific.

Washington, May 28.—Attorney-General McReynolds has decided to contend that the Southern Pacific Pacific in the pending dissolution of the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific merger, and will bring suit under the Sherman law to accomplish that end if the dissolution plans fail to include it.

It became definitely known to-day that the Attorney-General had finally decided that the Central Pacific must be divorced from the Southern. Disposition of the Central Pacific is understood to be the cause of the hitch in the efforts of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific to reach an agreement.

The plan which the Union Pacific will submit to the Attorney-General contemplates, it is believed, here, only the disposition of the \$125,000,000 of the Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific, and will leave the question of the status of the Central Pacific to separate litigation. The Supreme Court ordered the sale of Union Pacific holdings of Southern Pacific stock and left open to negotiation or future litigation the disposition of the Central Pacific.

The position of Mr. McReynolds regarding the Central Pacific coincides with that of former Attorney-General Wickersham, who threatened an anti-trust suit unless the Southern Pacific disposed of its subsidiary.

## Rogers' Dates.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., May 28.—Charles E. Rogers and Miss Rachel Bates, both of Lynchburg, were married Tuesday afternoon in the pastor's study of Centenary Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. R. M. Chandler, officiating.

Damaging Assertions Against Millionaire Banker Developed in Trial.

### ADMITS MANY FACTS

He Tells of Automobile Rides and Suppers With Mrs. Gwathmey.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, May 28.—A chain of evidence, intended to show that James Cunningham Bishop, millionaire banker, and Mrs. J. Temple Gwathmey, society matron, occupied a suite of rooms at the Hotel Astor on more than one occasion, was forged to-day before Justice Goff in the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Abigail Hancock Bishop, plaintiff in a suit for absolute divorce, sat almost in front of her husband and heard him admit scores of automobile dinners and luncheons with Mrs. Gwathmey, but deny emphatically that he was the "Dr. J. C. Baer, of Philadelphia," who registered at the Hotel Astor several times.

Telephone girls, a maid at the hotel, the former manager of the Bishop farm in Westchester, and others helped make the links in the chain that former District Attorney William T. Jerome expects will win Mrs. Bishop her decree. To-morrow perhaps Mr. Bishop will get a chance to prove an alibi, by which he hopes to give the evidence a chance to prove an alibi.

Gertrude Berard, maid on the second floor of the Hotel Astor, was the last witness to testify at to-day's session. "Yes, I have seen Mr. Bishop twice before to-day," she said, indicating the defendant. "I saw him first early in November last and again about two weeks later. On both occasions he and a lady occupied villa No. 272 in the Hotel Astor."

"Do you recognize this photo?" asked Mr. Jerome, taking up a large photo of Mrs. Gwathmey.

"Yes, that is the lady who was with Mr. Bishop on both the occasions when he was in the rooms on the second floor."

"You are sure it was Mr. Bishop?" "Positive."

Objections to the introduction of the photograph were overruled. Edwin B. Steers, formerly manager of the Bishop farm in Westchester County, was called as a witness for Mrs. Bishop.

"You have heard Mr. Bishop testify," said Mr. Jerome, "that he called twice at the farm, where Mrs. Gwathmey lived, during April last, and that on both occasions a Miss White, trained nurse, was with them all the time. Is that so?"

"Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Gwathmey came to the farm three times in April and a Miss White was with them," answered the witness. "She was not with them all the time. On April 6 and 13 Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Gwathmey were in the house alone for about two hours."

On cross-examination, Mr. Taft, counsel for Bishop, made the witness admit that his relations with the housekeeper on the farm were such that he didn't care to talk about them, but he could not shake the testimony regarding the visits of Bishop and Mrs. Gwathmey.

Three telephone girls from the Astor Hotel testified from the telephone records that early in the morning they recorded calls from the suite occupied by "Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Baer" to Mrs. Gwathmey's residence in Rye, and to the Hotel Gotham, where she had an apartment in New York and to the Hotel Marlborough, where Mr. Bishop lives.

Mr. Bishop was shown the registers containing the signatures of "Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Baer, Philadelphia."

He denied writing this signature, and by direction of the court, he was asked the consent of his own counsel, wrote his own signature and the other several times for comparison.

While Mr. Bishop testified, as an unwilling witness for the plaintiff, one of the sons of Mrs. Gwathmey sat directly in front of him. He winced when Mr. Jerome said:

"Mr. Bishop, have you been motor-ing with Mrs. Gwathmey since her separation from her husband?" "I don't know that they have separated," the witness replied.

"Well, since they've parted?" "Yes, that's the way to put it," Mr. Bishop agreed.

He told about meeting Mrs. Gwathmey in April last to "consult" about the divorce case. "When two people are named together in a divorce case," he commented, "they have mutual interests. Besides, I was advised to consult her."

The banker admitted freely that he lunched with Mrs. Gwathmey frequently at New York hotels, that he accompanied her on automobile rides to Nyack and to places in New Jersey. He never took her to the theatre except on one occasion, when her son was present. The only other person present on automobile rides was the chauffeur.

Mr. Bishop told of meeting Mrs. Gwathmey in 1907, for the first time, at a school where her boy was a student, and his nephew was a student. He said he had heard since that "there has been some friction" between Mr.

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and Mrs. Gwathmey, but he did not think their relations were "particularly unhappy."

"How were your relations with your wife?" he was asked. "Most decidedly unhappy," he replied. "I had left my wife, and had returned her on her promise to reform, which she did not do. I was very unhappy."

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., May 28.—Mr. and Mrs. George Ball Hulings have returned to Richmond after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bridges.

Miss Virginia White, of Albemarle County, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. C. Raby.

Robert Marve, of Norfolk, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. W. Marve.

Miss Sadie Patton, of Jacksonville, Fla., will arrive this week to spend the summer with her aunt, Miss Pattle C. Leake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Drewry Kerr and Miss Rebecca Kerr will leave June 1 for their country home near Doswell, to spend the summer.

Mrs. Edward Miller has returned to her home in the Green Spring Valley, near Baltimore, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Day.

Mrs. Charles E. Stuart and son left Friday for Louisa County, where they will spend several months with Mrs. J. E. Woolfolk.

The "Historical Evening" under the auspices of the Hanover Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Hunt, at Gwathmey, on Thursday, May 29.

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